

**State of Oregon  
Final**

**Oregon State Plumbing Board**

**Regular meeting minutes**

**October 20, 2006**

**Members present:** Ken Carlson, chairman  
Jonathan Gray, vice-chair  
Jacob Polvi  
Perry Shinn

**Members absent:** Skai Dancey  
Kathryn Mattimore  
Jack Vilendre

**Staff present:** Twyla Knowles, policy and technical services assistant manager  
Terry Swisher, chief plumbing inspector, and board secretary  
Martin Pittioni, enforcement/licensing manager  
Roseanne Nelson, enforcement/licensing assistant manager  
Heath Lawson, enforcement officer  
Casey Hoyer, policy analyst  
David Gulliver, policy analyst  
Debi Barnes-Woods, boards coordinator  
Marianne Manning, boards coordinator

**Guests present:** Whit Hall, Bradley-Reid Pacific  
Jeff Zeeb, Jet Industries  
D. Everett Cork, Jet Industries  
Lara K. Creswick, In The Works  
Oliver W. Raab, Jet Industries

**I. Board Business**

**A. Call to order.**

Chairman Ken Carlson called the Oregon State Plumbing Board meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held at Building Codes Division, Conference Room "A," 1535 Edgewater NW, Salem, Oregon.

**B. Roll call.**

Skai Dancey and Kathryn Mattimore were absent unexcused. Jack Vilendre was absent excused.

**C. Approval of agenda and order of business.**

Agenda Item III.B., Final Order for Jack L. Wallace will be heard at the December 15 meeting at the respondent's request.

Chairman Carlson **RULED** the agenda and order of business approved as amended.

**D. Approval of the August 18, 2006 Oregon State Plumbing Board meeting minutes.**

Agenda Item VII.B. was duplicated in the minutes.

Chairman Carlson **RULED** the regular minutes of August 18, 2006 approved as amended.

**E. Date of the next regularly scheduled meeting.**

December 15, 2006.

**F. Review of the 2007 board meeting dates.**

**II. Public Comment** – None.

**III. Reports**

**A. Building Codes Division administrator's report.** In the administrator's absence, Assistant Manager of Policy and Technical Services Twyla Knowles gave the report. Ms. Knowles discussed a recent [press release](#) concerning the division's statewide online permitting service. The goal is to allow both businesses and individuals to conduct building department business, including applying, paying, and receiving building permit approval online 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The project underscores the governor's commitment to streamline state regulatory processes.

**B. Enforcement cases.**

**Final Order, Jack L. Wallace:** This item will be heard at the December 15, 2006 meeting at the request of Ronald Somers, counsel for Jack Wallace.

**C. Summary of enforcement actions previously taken by the division for cases 1 through 17 outlined on the enforcement board report. (No board action required.)**

Enforcement officer Heath Lawson was present to answer questions regarding cases where the division has taken action.

**D. Program update.**

This item was discussed under item IV.

**IV. Communications**

**Update on plumbing backflow prevention device training rule.**

Policy Analyst Casey Hoyer reported on the plumbing backflow prevention device training rule.

The rule became effective October 1, 2006. The rule implements House Bill 3093 by establishing a method for approval of training programs for Oregon journeyman plumbers or apprentice plumbers who test backflow prevention devices.

Mr. Hoyer noted that the training hours apply towards continuing education credit for journeyman plumbers.

**V. Appeals – None.**

**VI. Unfinished Business**

**Request to approve standard for adjustable position product. (*Postponed from August 18, 2006, board meeting.*)**

Chief Swisher explained that the petitioner requested that the division approve the IAPMO Interim Guide Criteria (IGC) 111-1999 standard for an adjustable position sink product. The product is an electric adjustable position sink product designed for individuals with limited movement ability and reach.

Lara Creswick, certified aging-in-place specialist, was present to report on the adjustable position sink product. Pictures of the product were distributed, *Exhibit "A."* The product connects to flexible drain piping, which allows the counter top to move up and down freely.

Chairman Carlson noted that if installed in a remodel, the waste fitting would need to be lowered in the wall. A standard installation would be too high for this type of tailpiece connection. Ms. Creswick agreed.

Chief Swisher said that the Oregon State Plumbing Board's role is to review and approve or disapprove the fixture plumbing product standard.

Chairman Carlson noted that if a dishwasher were to be installed, as the counter top moves 10 inches vertically the drain tube would need to be secured to the underside of the counter-top to move freely.

**MOTION by vice-chair Jon Gray** to approve IAPMO Interim Guide Criteria 111-1999 standard for the adjustable position sink product.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VII. New Business**

**A. Review Division 040 board administration rules and bylaws.**

Chief Swisher reviewed the rules for the administration of public meetings and the board bylaws.

**MOTION by Chairman Carlson** to approve the proposed board administration rules, repeal existing rules, and concur with proposed board bylaws.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. Review plumbing examination revisions.**

Chief Swisher reported that the board appointed a task force to review all current plumbing examinations and make recommendations to standardize the examinations consistent with all division licensing processes. The new standard calls for open-book exams, which would still include a practical examination. The plumbing exam is currently closed-book and includes a practical examination.

**MOTION by Perry Shinn** to approve the proposed changes to the plumbing examinations reviewed by the plumbing examination task force.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. Review standard for stainless steel plumbing fixtures.**

**MOTION by vice-chair Gray** to approve the CSA Standard B45.4, stainless steel fixtures.  
**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VIII. Announcements** – None.

**IX. Adjournment**

Chairman Ken Carlson adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Boards Coordinator

*Exhibit:*

- A. Pictures of an electric adjustable position sink product, *Agenda Item VI., page 3.*